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1. The Commandant of French forces at Langson believes that a Chinese Communist attack on Indochina will take place only if the North Koreans are wholly successful against United Nations troops in Korea.
2. The Commandant at Tien Yen is apprehensive about the situation on the South China-Tonkin border, but he believes there is no danger of an immediate attack.
3. The strength of Chinese Communist forces in the South China-Tonkin border area is now estimated at between 25,000 and 30,000 troops. This number includes forces within several days march of the Indochina border. An unknown number of Viet Minh troops are being trained in four places in South China by the Chinese Communists.*

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